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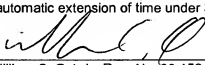
Docket No.: 12928/10033; 569.1019
Date: December 12, 2008

In re application of: **Eric LABARRIERE ET AL.**
Application No.: 10/584,165
Filed: June 22, 2006
For: **TERMINAL END-PIECE FOR A FUEL ASSEMBLY HAVING AN ARRANGEMENT FOR MAINTAINING THE ENDS OF THE RODS AND CORRESPONDING ASSEMBLY**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Response to Final Office Action (8 pgs)** in the above-identified application.

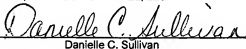
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Application Number 10/584,165		Filed June 22, 2006	
For TERMINAL END-PIECE FOR A FUEL ASSEMBLY HAVING AN ARRANGEMENT FOR MAINTAINING THE ENDS OF THE RODS AND CORRESPONDING ASSEMBLY			
Art Unit 3663		Examiner Ricardo J. Palabrica	
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.			
The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):			
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